

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

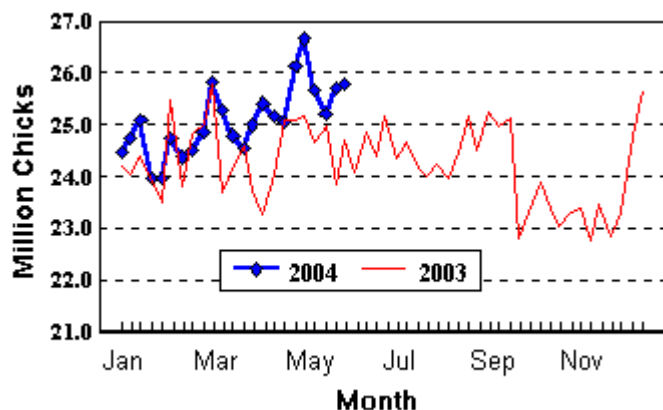
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.8 million during the week ending June 5, 2004. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2003, and up slightly from the revised previous week, and included 3.1 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through June 5, 2004 were 577.5 million, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.7 million, up 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 84.7 percent.

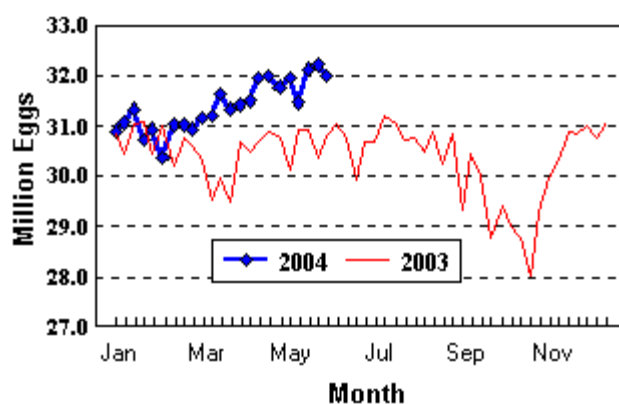
Arkansas hatcheries set 32.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending June 5, 2004, up 4 percent from the same period last year, but down 1 percent from the revised previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
May 1	25,120	26,143	104	25,470	26,122	103	30,764	31,803	103
May 8	25,204	26,707	106	25,441	26,377	104	30,169	31,961	106
May 15	24,690	25,698	104	25,804	26,395	102	30,945	31,494	102
May 22	24,987	25,239	101	25,656	26,313	103	30,963	32,157	104
May 29	23,863	25,729	108	25,136	26,384	105	30,369	32,245	106
Jun. 5	24,744	25,792	104	25,944	26,677	103	30,797	31,993	104

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003 - 2004



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	15-May	22-May	29-May	05-Jun		01-May	08-May	15-May	22-May	29-May	05-Jun	
Alabama	30,590	30,879	30,317	30,043	104	22,043	22,735	21,805	22,568	22,028	22,168	104
ARKANSAS	32,245 *	32,157	31,991	31,993	104	26,143	26,707	25,698	25,239	25,729 *	25,792	104
Delaware	3,857	3,871	3,935	3,832	102	4,537	4,686	4,511	5,286	5,724 *	5,252	106
Florida	1,394 *	1,389	1,389	1,387	104	1,461	1,495	1,640	1,526	1,586	1,480	84
Georgia	33,164 *	33,121	33,203	33,046	100	27,041	26,700	26,992 *	26,428	25,221 *	26,315	101
Kentucky	7,121	7,107 *	7,129 *	7,165	107	5,964	6,176	6,094	5,728 *	5,869 *	5,927	104
Louisiana	3,998	3,892	3,890	3,891	98	3,725	4,070	3,744	3,813	4,172	4,092	110
Maryland	8,900	8,990	9,007 *	8,989	94	6,238	5,689	6,439	4,937	5,099 *	5,560	83
Mississippi	19,393	19,363	19,496 *	19,529	99	16,924	16,915	16,807	16,785	17,077 *	17,280	104
N. Carolina	18,635 *	18,488	18,406	18,634	97	15,498	15,200	15,013	15,161	15,618 *	15,577	105
Oklahoma	6,684	6,500	6,559 *	6,483	98	4,652	3,929	5,001	5,680	4,219	4,799	88
Pennsylvania	3,948	3,762	3,285 *	3,660	97	2,775	2,902	2,874	2,768	2,779 *	2,669	98
S. Carolina	3,774	3,781	3,738	3,751	77	3,723	4,352	3,863	3,954	5,174	4,636	98
Texas	15,432 *	15,243 *	15,343 *	15,093	101	12,826	12,850 *	12,760 *	12,868 *	13,126 *	12,912	103
Virginia	6,644	6,675	6,747	6,688	101	5,210	5,236	5,609	5,731	5,264	5,292	105
CA,MO,IN,WV	17,908	17,965	17,859	17,836	103	16,416	15,087 *	15,674 *	15,920 *	15,593 *	16,593	103
Total 2004	213,687 *	213,183 *	212,294 *	212,020		175,176	174,729 *	174,524 *	174,392 *	174,278 *	176,344	
Total 2003	210,125	211,168	210,125	211,135		172,351	171,830	170,953	172,110	170,346	173,036	
%Prev. Year	102	101	101	100		102	102	102	101	102	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						19-Jun	26-Jun	03-Jul	10-Jul	17-Jul	24-Jul	

* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 212 million eggs during the week ending June 5, 2004. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 5, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through June 5, 2004 were 3.93 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.